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	<i>Filing Date</i>	<b>Concurrently Herewith</b>
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	<b>Galo F. ACOSTA et al.</b>
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	<b>Unknown</b>
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	<b>Unknown</b>
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	<b>2599-103-D2</b>
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> <b>ASSAY WORK STATION</b>		

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this divisional application, kindly amend the application as follows.

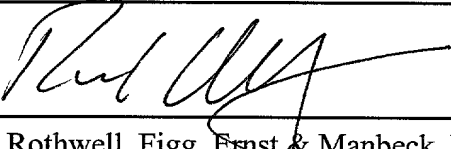
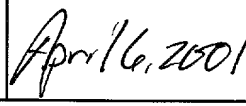
### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-25 and 34-37.

### REMARKS

Claims 1-25 and 34-37 are canceled. Independent claim 26 and dependent claims 27-33, which were restricted out of the parent application, remain pending.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

<b>RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,</b>					
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